

ITEM: 21

SUBJECT: Update on Project Evaluating MUN Designation in Constructed/Ag Dominated Water Bodies Receiving Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Effluent

BOARD ACTION: *Information Item*

BACKGROUND: Four cities in the Sacramento River Basin (Willows, Colusa, Biggs and Live Oak) own Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) that discharge into a variety of agricultural drains and agriculturally dominated natural and modified water bodies. Recent Central Valley Water Board renewals of the cities' NPDES permits have included protection of MUN beneficial uses in the receiving waters based on the Sources of Drinking Water, State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 88-63. The Board also issued Time Schedule Orders which allow the Discharger time to evaluate alternatives, secure funding, and complete construction to achieve compliance with the new effluent limits or pursue a Basin Plan Amendment that will address the MUN use in the receiving waters.

Due to the anticipated complexity of developing information needed for a Basin Plan Amendment, the Central Valley Water Board directed staff to lead the effort to evaluate appropriate application of MUN in the receiving waters in close coordination with the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS). Staff provided a draft workplan for review at the December 2011 Central Valley Water Board meeting.

This item will discuss the status of the overall effort including participation by POTW representatives, CV-SALTS and other interested parties, results of recent CEQA scoping meetings and potential to utilize the findings from this project as a template for other areas in the Central Valley.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A - Information item only.

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